

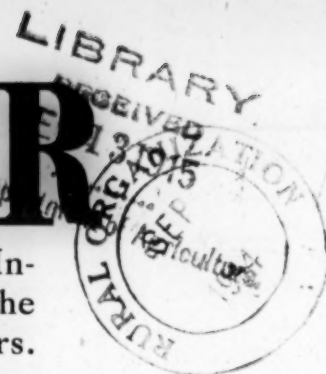
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Editor of The Negro Farmer Wins First Prize of \$500 in Essay Contest with 9,000 Contestants

To the Readers of The Negro Farmer:

Among people who know, it is not considered proper nor in good taste to write in a complimentary way of one's little successes in this life.

Personally, I should prefer that no mention be made in this paper of the prize which came recently to me; but the Negro Farmer Publishing Company is entitled to any credit which attends my labors in any field at present; and the requests of many friends that the matter be published in this paper can not be entirely ignored. The letter below from, the Editor of The Tuskegee Student, a valued friend of my student days and those that have followed, finally decided me to give the matter publicity here.

ISAAC FISHER, Editor, The Negro Farmer.

Mr. Isaac Fisher, Editor,
The Negro Farmer,
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Aug. 31, 1914.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

I think the readers of The Negro Farmer are entitled to know of your very great success in winning the prize of Five Hundred Dollars from Everybody's Magazine, for the best essay upon the subject "What We Have Learned About Rum—The Liquor Question". For that reason, I trust you may be disposed to put aside your usual



modesty, and publish in The Negro Farmer the matter which follows from The Tuskegee Student.

I need not tell you how heartily all of us here at Tuskegee Institute rejoice in your success. You have our warmest and most cordial congratulations.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

EMMETT J. SCOTT

Editor, Tuskegee Student.

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ISAAC FISHER, Winner of \$500 Prize

EDITOR OF THE NEGRO FARMER WINS \$500

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TUSKEGEE GRADUATE WINS OVER 9,000 CONTESTANTS

Receives First Prize of \$500 Offered by Everybody's Magazine of New York for the best discussion of the Subject: "What We've Learned About Rum (the Liquor Question.)"—Isaac Fisher, Tuskegee Graduate, Educator, Prize Essayist, Leads All American Writers and Takes Prize.

[Reprinted from The Tuskegee Student, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.]

"Everybody's Magazine" for September, 1914, published in New York City, contains the announcement that its First Prize of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the best letter on the subject—"What We've Learned About Rum, or Rum and Remedies," has been awarded to Isaac Fisher, formerly of Vicksburg, Mississippi, but now of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Of his essay, the Editors of "Everybody's Magazine" write as follows: "The article below is selected by us from some 9,000 letters as the best all-round discussion of Rum. Certain other letters have presented more extensive scientific analyses, but have confined the discussion to particular phases. Others have been brilliant in literary quality, but lacking in logical progression and care in the statement of facts. The letter below (Mr. Fisher's) sums up the facts about Rum with admirable comprehensiveness and a telling directness of style, and offers some remarkably sane suggestions."

What will send a thrill of pride through the hearts of all colored people, beneath the flags of many nations, is the fact that Isaac Fisher is a Negro; and every colored man, woman and child may proudly say: "He is one of us."

If any man in America deserves the title, "Doctor of Philosophy," it is this man; because he has done, again and again, more work in the philosophic exposition of economic questions of world-wide importance than any university has ever required of a candidate for the doctorate. His past record fully bears out this statement. Without even mentioning a large number of contests in which he has been winner and in which the prizes were less than ten dollars, this man, a Negro, a Tuskegee graduate, in nation-wide contests with the best brains in America, of all races, has been prize winner some twenty or more times, and he has won on the following subjects, either one of which contains original work of the quality—higher than the quality—of the theses required by American universities from candidates seeking the degree of Doctor of Philosophy:

1. What We've Learned About the Rum Question\$500
2. German and American Methods of....
Regulating Trusts..... 400
(Alone and unaided, Mr. Fisher had to master in a few months sufficient reading knowledge of German to be able to write this essay.)

3. Ten Best Reasons Why People Should Go to Missouri..... 100
4. A Plan to Give the South a System of Highways Suited to Its Needs..... 100
5. Scales and the Housewife..... 50
6. Digest of the Uses of Adding Machines 50
7. The Relation Between Manual Training in the Public Schools and Industrial Education and Efficiency..... 10
8. The Most Practicable Method of Beginning a Reduction of the Tariff Honorable Mention
This essay was, upon the request of its (Chief Examiner, sent to the United States Tariff Board for its use.)

These are only the Big Essays Mr. Fisher has written. At the recent meeting of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, in Toronto, Canada, Mr. Fisher's paper on "Advertising and Selling" was selected by the Committee on Awards as one of the "Forty-nine Best on the Subject," thereby giving him a winning place in the first international contest he has entered.

Tuskegee Institute, his alma mater, is passing proud of him and his record. He is one of her most loyal sons, and nothing seems to give him greater pleasure than to say that he owes everything to Tuskegee. He has studied in no other school.

It may be that the race has not fully realized the real significance of what Mr. Fisher is doing for the race in his own way and line. In verity he is blazing a broad trail for us all in a direction and with a success not true of any other colored person; and he is a master in his line. No question, however taxing to the American statesman or publicist, seems too difficult for him; and the thing which makes glad the heart of every loyal Negro is that however eminent and learned the other competitors and writers, when Mr. Fisher, working under his famous motto, used with telling effect in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Essay and in the Essay on Rum—"Get the Truth,"—turns his mind to the analysis of a question, judges who do not know his race almost invariably place the results of his investigations, his essays, his philosophy at the head of all those who compete.

What the colored people want Isaac Fisher to do now is to prepare some books for and about the Negro—some enduring works that colored children may read and be helped; some deathless classic that will inspire the race through all times. He is at present editing The Negro Farmer here at Tuskegee Institute.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Somerton, Arizona, Aug. 10, 1914.

The Negro Farmer:

Dear Sirs: In the Negro Farmer of August 1st, I saw the name of Aphids. We have them here. I think they are the same. Now, what is good to kill them. I want to find out what will kill them. They get on water melons, muskmelons and pumpkins. Now if you know, let me know at once. These aphids stay under the leaves and suck them, cause cotton leaves to cramp, watermelons to lose their sap and run and make the vine gummy like glue. The vine then starts to die.

Yours,

MELVIN CRISP.

The Agricultural Experiment Station of Nebraska, speaking of the melon aphid, says in Press Bulletin 34:

As to artificial control of this insect there is no avoiding the fact that we have here a pest hard to deal with and one which requires a great deal of vigilance and careful work to master. Methods of treatment include both spraying and fumigation but spraying seems to be the most practical and successful method, at least in our experience. It is important that the spraying be done at the first indication of an abundance of wingless aphids on the vines, before the insects have had time to cause any noticeable wilting or curling up of the leaves. In order to do this the vines must be gone over frequently and the lower side of the leaves examined thoroly. The spraying must be repeated whenever it is noted that the aphid are re-appearing upon the plant. In spraying, the application of the wash should be made with an undersprayer, or, if the vines are still small, by very carefully lifting them back and spraying the under surface of the leaves and then replacing them in their original position. Badly curled leaves should be opened by hand and the under surface drenched with the wash. As an undersprayer, a piece of gas pipe with one end bent at the proper angle or provided with an elbow attachment and a Vermorel nozzle attached to this end will be found quite satisfactory, and a bucket pump operated by two men, one to work the pump and one to direct the spray, will be found advantageous in applying the wash. Care should be taken not to apply with too great force, lest the leaves be injured.

In selecting a wash, avoid kerosene emulsion or other strong oily washes, since we have found that in order to kill these hardy and resistive aphids the emulsion or oil must be used so strong that the exceedingly tender cucurbit leaves are invariably badly burned, thereby either killing the plant outright or greatly injuring it. We have found the commercial tobacco extract "Black Leaf" diluted one part to fifty parts of water to form a highly effective insecticide against this aphid, destroying all with which it comes in contact and being very easy to prepare and apply. Very satisfactory results may also be obtained by using a soap-and-tobacco wash prepared by dissolving one and one-half pounds of soap in one-half gallon of water, adding one-half gallon of strong tobacco decoction and diluting

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to make five gallons of the wash. The tobacco decoction is made by steeping tobacco stems in water until the decoction becomes the color of strong coffee. Neither of these washes injures the foliage to a serious extent and both kill the aphids they come in contact with, but the "Black Leaf" wash seems to be considerably the cheaper of the two.

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The grower can judge when his sweet potatoes are ripe by breaking or cutting the tubers and leaving them exposed to the air for a few minutes. If the cut or broken surface dries they are mature, but if the surface remains moist they are not ready to be dug. In regions where early frosts occur the sweet potatoes should be dug about the time first frost is expected, regardless of the stage of maturity of the tubers.

The second essential, careful handling, is of the greatest importance and should be practiced in digging, gathering, hauling, and unloading. The potatoes should be sorted in the field and gathered in padded baskets or boxes to prevent bruising or breaking the skin. The baskets or boxes should be loaded on the wagons, hauled to the storage house, and the potatoes carefully poured into the bins. When they are to be hauled very far a wagon with bolster springs should be used. Sweet potatoes should never be thrown from one row to another, loaded loosely into a wagon body, or hauled in bags, because any of these methods will bruise them and give a chance for disease to enter.

The third and fourth essentials, thorough drying and a uniform temperature, can be

secured in a storage house where artificial heat can be supplied. It is essential that the house be constructed in such a way that it can be thoroughly ventilated when necessary, but can be made nearly air tight in cold weather.—U. S. Farmers' Bulletin 548.

Send to the Division of Publications' Agriculture Department, Washington, D. C., and ask for this bulletin in which will be found directions for building a potato house.

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Any one desiring to buy any of this land at private sale before the day of the auction sale can do so by meeting us on the above named place Tuesday, September 1st, that being the day we will be on the place with a first class surveyor, staking off the tracts to suit the buyers.

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KEEP YOUR STOCK OFF THE RAILROADS

The "Mound Bayou Demonstrator" publishes an appeal made by the Illinois Central Railroads to the farmers of Mississippi, asking them to keep their stock off the railroad right-of-way. The article is timely and The Negro Farmer is glad to reprint it here.

The killing of live stock, while trespassing upon the waylands of American railroads, has for years been gradually increasing and more lately to an alarming extent resulting in an unnecessary waste and another contribution to the high cost of living. In Mississippi the situation is especially bad, as evidenced by the fact that, on the waylands of the Illinois Central and Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad alone, more than six thousand head of stock, or 74 per cent of the total for the system, are annually killed, this while but 28 per cent of our total mileage is operated in your State. Claims paid on this account have increased to a point where the resulting expense now amounts to tremendous annual drain upon our gross revenues and, as with the fake damage suit industry and other evils from which we have suffered, it is one of those charges which, in the last analysis, affects materially the pocket books of the people themselves.

We have gone to considerable expense, in the way of fencing, constructing cattle guards, etc., in an endeavor to overcome the present situation, but despite every effort it has grown beyond our direction and control. It is one of those troubles requiring the attention of our farmer neighbors to correct, and in the interest of our patrons and employees, whose safety is menaced by this grave danger, we appeal for your co-operation and support.

It is a well known fact that trains are frequently derailed by striking an otherwise harmless cow, and conditions are now so bad that trainmen in Mississippi—your own home people largely—must perform their duties under great strain.

We appeal to you, therefore, to discontinue permitting your cattle to roam at large and to see to it that private gates, opening on our waylands, are kept closed. There already is a law forbidding this practice, but we are loath to invoke it, preferring to acquaint the good people of Mississippi with the extreme urgency of the matter, feeling that your usual fairness and regard for the right and the welfare of others will prompt the immediate adoption of necessary corrective measures.

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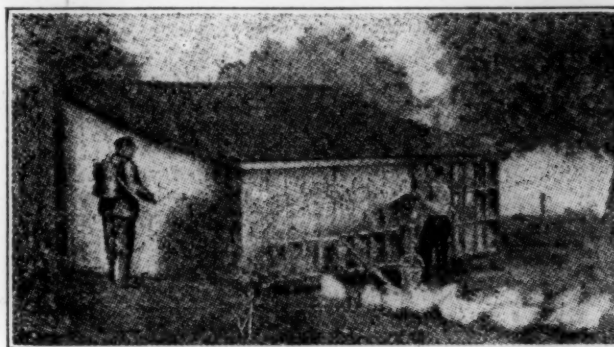
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Saturday, September 12, 1914

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The Editor's Page

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER OF RALEIGH, N. C.

On August 1, 1914, The Negro Farmer published on its front page an article entitled "Some Lessons to be Learned from the Italian Farmer;" and placed in parenthesis the following explanation: "The facts stated here are from the report of the United States Immigration Commission in 1911."

On August 29, 1914, our esteemed contemporary, "The Progressive Farmer," reproduced the article but instead of crediting it to The Negro Farmer, wrote at the bottom of the extract the words: "Compiled from report of United States Immigration Commissioner, 1911."

We are certain that the gallant Dr. Poe did not mean to credit an article, compiled by the Editor of this paper, to the United States Commissioner of Immigration. In the first place, the facts were not taken from the re-

port of that official, but from the report of the United States Immigration Commission, a large body of economists and publicists who spent several months examining the question.

Again, although the facts stated in our article were taken from the report we mentioned, most of the language and the arrangement were our own, and not that of the Commission. The compilation was, therefore, our own and it was a little unfair to credit it to another source.

We mention all this because, when our paper was first launched, the Editor prepared a special article on the progress of the colored farmers, quoting just one sentence from the report of the United States Census Bureau. At least six of our own colored papers reprinted the article and went out of their way to say, that it was compiled by the United States Census Bureau, when the language of the article was all our own except the quoted sentence referred to. "This was the (most) unkindest cut of all."

Our statement in parenthesis above evidently lead "The Progressive Farmer" astray. The explanation was made because, in writing about a race, the Editor of this paper tries very hard not to say anything that will even seem to be an indictment of the race discussed; and if he finds himself compelled to use statements which are not kind he prefers to make some one draw the indictment who gets pleasure out of it; and he always cites or quotes the person making the remark, even when they are kind remarks.

Himself a member of a race against which amateurs and professionals try their hand at drawing indictments, the editor knows how it feels; and, hence, has much sympathy for other races, since, he, too, like Moses, can say: "I have been a stranger in a strange land."

So much for the reason for the parenthetic explanation.

It is hoped that all who quote from our paper will do us the kindness to give it credit; but if this is burdensome, we submit in all good-will and fairness, that our articles ought not be credited to persons who do not write them.

A REPLY TO MR. WEST'S "HOW TO READ THE WEATHER"

One of our subscribers asks us to publish the letter below and compare it with the one about the moon and the weather which we published recently from Mr. Landon West.

We publish Mr. Perry's letter with pleasure; but think it is necessary to make the following statement: Our space is so very limited that we very much prefer that there be no long drawn disputes between our readers; but if a case arise where one reader feels it wise to correct or attempt to correct the statement of another reader, the person making the correction must do so with that broad and gentle courtesy and kindness which leave no sting and hurt.

To be clearer, we cannot permit, after this issue, any person to "brand" anybody as being anything unless it is something especially nice. If there is something "real sweet" to be said about some one or about his views,

send it to The Negro Farmer; but all controversies or statements or remarks intended to sting by their sharpness, should be sent to the papers that like them—this paper does not.

Mr. Perry's letter follows:

Weather Not Affected by Moon

Astrology, the science of predicting future events, especially the weather and the affairs of men, by the position, and the time of changes, etc., I brand as a remnant of the many superstitions generated and fostered by that greater superstition, Astrology. Now to the word of God for proof, and understanding of the signs mentioned in Gen. 1:14-16, read notes with care, Psa. 104:19. Moon for season, (meaning division of time.)

Moon—for light—Jeremiah 31:35.

Moon—for Signs—for the fearful fall of Egypt, Ezek. 32: 7-8-9-10.

Moon—for the desolation of Babylon—Isa. 13:10; 24:11-22-23.

Signs for God's Judgments, Joel 2:30-31.

Signs of Christ's coming to Judgment, Matt. 14:29. Read whole chapter. Mark 13th chapter; Luke 21st chapter. After carefully reading the above Scriptures; to better understand the sign business, read the following Scriptures:

Matt. 12:38; 16:1-2-3-4.

Mark 8:11-12 Luke 11:29.

Yours for truth and understanding,

Jacob Perry,
Newport, Ark. Box No. 292.

WATCH YOUR BUSINESS JUST NOW

It is going to take all of the skill and careful planning that our farmers can summon to steer their affairs properly while the war rages. Because of this, everybody will have to mind their own businesses and let everything else go. Watch your own farms and stick to your work. This is not time for vacations.

PROVIDE SHADE FOR POULTRY

By H. L. Kempster

Failure to provide shade for poultry during the summer months not only results in a large number of deaths, but the flocks are less productive. The importance of summer shade cannot be overestimated. Poultry of all kinds require shade. Ducks and geese very quickly succumb if they are unable to get protection from the sun's rays. It is easy to provide plenty of shade. The Missouri College of Agriculture recommends the following ways of furnishing shade for poultry. Portable houses can be set up on blocks so that the birds may run underneath; orchards, sunflower patches, corn fields, etc., can be so arranged that the young stock or mature hens may run in them. Corn fields make excellent summer range for young stock. They furnish plenty of shade and other conditions for rapid economical growth are ideal. A little planning on the part of the farmer will make poultry keeping more profitable. By providing shade the losses are reduced, the flock is more productive, and the young stock will make more economical growth.—Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station.

War News in This Paper is "Boiled Down" so You Can Understand It. Look Under the "Farmers' Dictionary"

FARMERS' DICTIONARY

THE WAR SITUATION IN A FEW WORDS

Germany Ahead

At the date when this is written, September 2, Germany has the advantage on her side, so far as England and France are concerned, Germany having defeated the armies of these two countries each time the two enemies met.

Russia "Marching On"

At the same time, it has been reported that the advance of the Russian Army—an army said to contain eight millions (\$9,000,000) soldiers, has crossed the German border and are pushing the German forces on before them.

The quickness with which Russia mobilized her army, that is, put her army into readiness to move and fight has called forth great praise from many military experts who did not believe so large an army could be moved so quickly.

Japan in the Far East

Immediately after its declaration of war against Germany, Japan began bombarding the German fort at Kiao-Chow; but since the little "brown men" are the fathers of secrecy and never tell what they are doing until it has been done the results of their fighting are not yet known.

No War News, Really

To tell the truth, for the first time in the history of great National wars, the world is receiving no news. By putting two and two together, we are able to guess at some of the happenings of the present war in Europe, but even the great Associated Press has to admit that it cannot get the war news.

Why There Is No News

When the Japanese fought Russia a few years ago, the "little brown men" refused to allow any newspaper men to send out news about their army. The world knows the result. Russia could not tell what the Japanese were doing nor planning to do and the former was defeated.

The other nations of the world learned the lesson which the Japanese taught, and so, each country engaged in battle at present is keeping its movement secret from the newspaper men, and, therefore, we can not get the news.

How Long Will the War Last?

The very fact that England, great and powerful as she is, has served notice on her citizens that the war is to be bitter and long gives strong reasons for believing that the struggle will continue for some time.

MORE WAR ADVICE FOR FARMERS

The United States Department of Agriculture, in a recent letter, takes the same position as that which The Negro Farmer took in its "War Special," and urges farmers to get ready to guard themselves against the

hard times that will be caused by the war by raising all of their produce.

This week we give advice for—

Storing Different Vegetables for Winter

(These directions are largely taken from Circular 154 of the Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station.)

The Winter Supply of Vegetables

The assortment of vegetables which can be made available for winter use is much larger than is ordinarily supposed. No less than thirty distinct kinds of vegetables can be preserved for winter use by proper methods of storing, canning, and pickling. Of these, at least twenty may be kept in the fresh state, without canning or pickling. Besides the staple crop, potatoes, the list includes the root crops (beets, carrots, horse-radish, parsnips, winter radish, rutabaga, salsify, turnips), kohl-rabi, cabbage, celery, leeks, chicory, parsley, onions, dry beans, pumpkins, squashes and sweet potatoes. The vegetables most commonly canned are rhubarb, tomatoes, corn, peas and string beans; those commonly preserved by pickling are cauliflower, cucumbers (both green and ripe), citron, green peppers, and green tomatoes.

Root Crops and Cabbage

For home use, the root crops and cabbage can best be stored in outdoor pits for late winter use, and in the cellar for use early in the season. The chief objection usually urged against storing root crops in the cellar is that they are likely to wilt. This difficulty can be obviated by packing the roots in boxes with alternate layers of earth or sand, and placing the boxes in the coolest part of the cellar. The earth will absorb any odor in case the vegetables should start to decay, and thus avoid endangering the health of the family. Cabbage can be stored in the same way if the roots and outer leaves are removed and merely the heads are packed in boxes or barrels of earth.

Cabbage intended for late winter use, however, will keep better in an outdoor pit than in a cellar. The same is true of parsnips, salsify, horse-radish and some of the other root crops. Except where the ground is especially drained, the pits are usually made entirely above ground. For storing cabbage in this manner, the plants are pulled with the roots and leaves on, and placed up-side-down in regular order on a level piece of ground. Usually three plants are placed side by side, with two above, and this arrangement repeated so that the final result is a long, low pile of cabbage showing five plants in a cross section. Earth is piled against and over this array of cabbage until the plants, including the roots, are entirely covered. In a severe climate, a layer of manure may be added when cold weather arrives.

Parsnips, Salsify, and Horse-radish

For storing parsnips, salsify and horse-radish, which are uninjured by freezing, the

roots may be placed in a pile on the ground and covered with about six inches of earth. The advantage of storing in this manner, instead of allowing the roots to remain where they grew, is the saving in time of digging, when a few roots are wanted during the winter. It is much easier to open the pit when the ground is frozen than to dig the roots from the garden with a pick. In fact, the difficulty of digging almost precludes the use of these crops in midwinter unless they are more accessible than in the place where they grew.

Beets, Carrots, Turnips, Rutabagas, Kohl-rabi, and Irish Potatoes

Beets, carrots, turnips, rutabagas, kohl-rabi and Irish potatoes can also be stored in outdoor pits, but they must be covered sufficiently to prevent freezing. One of the best ways of handling these crops is to place them in conical piles and cover first with six or eight inches of hay or straw, then with earth to a similar depth. If extremely cold weather is expected, a layer of manure should be placed outside of the earth. In getting vegetables from pits of this kind in midwinter, the manure is removed slightly from one side of the pit near the bottom and a hole about a foot square chopped through the frozen earth with an old ax. Sufficient hay is then pulled out by means of an iron hook, to enable a person to thrust his arm into the opening and reach the vegetables. Enough are taken out to last a few days, and the hole through the dirt then stuffed with hay, the manure being replaced if necessary.

Celery

Celery may be stored in various ways, but one of the most satisfactory methods for home use is to dig the plant with the roots on, and plant them in moist earth placed on the cellar floor, or in boxes to be placed in the cellar. In either case, the cellar must be cool, the ventilation good, and the earth surrounding the roots kept moist by repeated applications of water. In applying the water, care must be taken to wet only the roots and not the tops of the plants. If the cellar is kept dark, all new growth made during the winter will be thoroughly blanched.

Leeks and Brussels Sprouts

Leeks and Brussels sprouts stand considerable freezing, and can often be carried through the winter in good condition by digging with the roots on and planting close together in cold frames late in the fall. In extreme weather, straw or other protection should be provided in addition to the sash.

DON'T MIND COTTON PRICES—GATHER YOUR CROPS

We are all interested in the effect of the war upon cotton prices. Worrying, however, won't do any good. The one thing important just now is to gather the cotton crop as fast as the cotton bolls open.

MARKETING SWEET POTATOES

One reason why Southern farmers have not received good prices for their sweet potatoes is that they have not used proper methods of handling and marketing. In many cases the potatoes are badly bruised and cut in digging, are put in bags or rough barrels without grading, and rushed on the market when there is an oversupply. The secrets of success in getting high prices are (1) to carefully grade, clean, and pack the product and (2) to put it upon the market when there is a good demand. The greatest demand for sweet potatoes is, as a rule, from the middle of December to the middle of March.

When the potatoes are to be marketed they must be carefully graded, no matter how well it had been done when they were put in the house. The market demands a medium sized, uniform type of sweet potato, free from bruises or decayed spots. In grading, the large, overgrown, and the crooked, broken, or bruised roots should be kept at home for feeding or for canning. The best potatoes will bring a higher price when separated from the culls. Two market grades are sometimes made—the "extra selects" or "primes" and the "seconds" or "pie stock"—but the Southern farmer will do well to make just one market grade and keep the others for feeding his live stock.

After carefully grading the potatoes they should be put in clean, neat, attractive packages. Bags should never be used, as the potatoes become badly bruised when handled in this way.

Potatoes shipped during the winter must be protected from the cold. When a potato becomes chilled its quality is impaired and decay soon sets in.—U. S. Farmers' Bulletin 548.

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Cook the butter and flour together, add the milk, and as soon as the mixture thickens add tomatoes and soda. Then add cheese, eggs, and seasoning. Serve on toasted whole wheat or Graham bread.

Green Corn, Tomato, and Cheese

1 tablespoonful of butter, 2 cups of grated cheese, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of canned or grated fresh corn, 1 ripe pimienta, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of tomato puree, 2 egg yolks, 1 teaspoonful of salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful of paprika, 1 clove of garlic, 4 slices of bread.

Into the melted butter stir the cheese until it, too, is melted. Then add the corn and pimienta, stir for a moment and add the egg yolks beaten and mixed with the tomato juice and the salt and paprika. Have ready the bread toasted on one side and very lightly rubbed on its untoasted side with the garlic cut in two. Pour the mixture over the untoasted side of the bread and serve at once. A poached egg is sometimes placed on top of each portion, making a very nutritious combination.

Macaroni and Cheese No. 1

1 cupful of macaroni, broken into small pieces, 2 quarts of boiling salted water, 1 cupful of milk, 2 tablespoonfuls of flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ pound of cheese, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful of salt, speck of cayenne pepper.

Cook the macaroni in the boiling salted water, drain in a strainer, and pour cold water over it to prevent the pieces from adhering to each other. Make a sauce out of the flour, milk, and cheese. Put the sauce and macaroni in alternate layers in a buttered baking dish, cover with buttered crumbs, and heat in oven until crumbs are brown.

Macaroni and Cheese No. 2

A good way to prepare macaroni and cheese is to make a rich cheese sauce and heat the macaroni in it. The mixture is usually covered with buttered crumbs and browned in the oven. The advantage of this way of preparing the dish, however, is that it is unnecessary to have a hot oven, as the sauce and macaroni may be reheated on the top of the stove.

Macaroni with Cheese and Tomato Sauce

Boiled macaroni may be heated in tomato sauce and sprinkled with grated cheese just before serving.

Italian Macaroni and Cheese

1 cupful of macaroni broken into small pieces, 2 quarts of boiling salted water, $\frac{1}{2}$ onion, 2 cloves, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cupfuls of tomato sauce, $\frac{1}{2}$ cupful or more of grated cheese.

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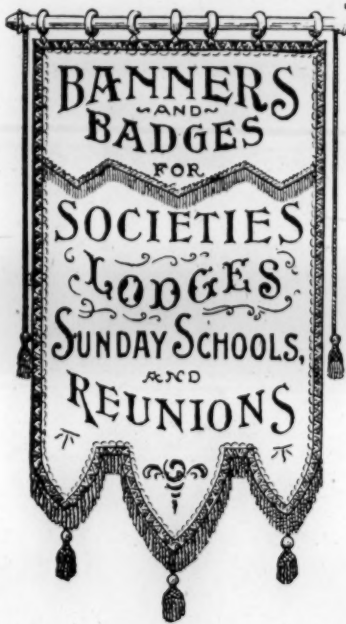
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By C. A. Webster

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Water-glass is purchased in liquid form. Druggists commonly retail it at twenty-five cents a quart, and one quart is enough to preserve twenty-dozens of eggs. For this number a five-gallon stone or earthenware crock is the most satisfactory receptacle. Heat ten quarts of water to the boiling point and allow it to cool. Then pour the water into the crock, add one quart of water-glass and mix the two. The solution is then ready for the eggs. Place the eggs in the water-glass solution each day as soon as they are laid. Use only naturally clean, not washed, fresh eggs. When the crock is filled to within two inches of the top of the solution, cover and store in a cool dry place until winter.

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